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A report, with sketches, describing the ammunition stores of the
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Ammunition stores of 4th Division at KROSNO ODRZANSKIE

1. Location and history of the stores (see sketch map - there is no mention of the letters on this in the text)
 - a) The stores are about 2.5 km North of KROSNO ODRZANSKIE, on the East side of the KROSNO - LACHOWICE (LOCHWITZ) - BYNICA (BEUTNITZ) road, South-east of LACHOWICE, extending about 800 to 1,000 m. from the road to the lake.
 - b) The whole installation is surrounded by woodland, and escapes observation from the road, being concealed on the West side by rows of trees. The installation consists of two parts, the Northern two-thirds occupied by a firing range 800 x 700 m. and the Southern part, fenced separately, 950 x 250 m., by the stores themselves. The entire area is square, about 1,000 x 1,000.
 - c) The installation is fairly old, being built before 1938 for the Wehrmacht. Some repairs have been carried out since 1950. Since 1950, it has been used as the divisional [] ammunition stores for the 4th Division, KROSNO ODRZANSKIE.
 - d) Since 1954, the stores have been so fully stocked that they have exceeded the [] quota for all kinds of ammunition required, and since that time they have issued ammunition for all units of the 4th Division. The Frontier Brigade at KROSNO ODRZANSKIE also collects ammunition from the stores.
 - e) Stores and firing range are known as J.W. (Jednota wojskowa - military unit) 2581.

2. Guard duty

The stores are very well guarded, and each separate building has its own guard. There are also three machine gun posts and a mobile guard inside the installation, as well as other guards round the circumference of the whole complex.

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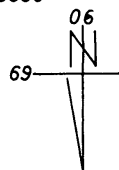
3. Layout of stores (see plan)

- 1) Main entrance, from the KROSNO - BYTNICA road, with a ground-floor masonry guard post where guards from different units relieve one another. Most of the guard duty is done by the 11th Infantry Regiment.
- 2) Ammunition stores complex, consisting of four underground concrete storage installations, each about 300 square metres. These underground chambers contain infantry, artillery and other ammunition for units of the 4th Division.
- 3) Fence, barbed wire, surrounded the ammunition stores, with searchlights on it to light up the whole area at night.
- 4) Wooden sentry boxes, about 10 m. from each installation entrance
- 5) Three permanent machine gun posts
- 6) Building used for repair of targets, etc, a ground-floor building in the North-west corner of the firing range, which is used for all small arms, machine guns, DShK 12.7 mm, and IMGs.
- 7) Northern shooting range, 800 m. long and 250 m. wide, used by IMGs and DShKs.
- 8) Six shooting ranges for small arms and MGs

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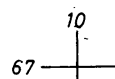
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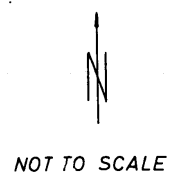
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